



REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Address to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number	09/851,456
	Filing Date	May 8, 2001
	First Named Inventor	Stephen Zimmerman, et al.
	Group Art Unit	1761
	Examiner Name	Drew E. Becker
	Attorney Docket Number	8074M
	Confirmation Number	3630

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

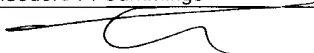
- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.


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- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Suspension of action fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

NAME (Print/Type)	Theodore P. Cummings	Reg. No. (Attorney/Agent) 40,973
SIGNATURE		DATE August 15, 2003

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FEE CALCULATION**1. BASIC FILING FEE - Large Entity**

Code	(\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	740	Utility filing fee	
106	330	Design filing fee	
108	740	Reissue filing fee	
114	160	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)0**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE - Large Entity**

		Extra Claims	Fee from Below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	- 20** =	x		=

Independent Claims || - 3** = || x || = ||

Multiple Dependent || - || = ||

** or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see below

Code	(\$)	Fee Description
103	18	Claims in excess of 20
102	84	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	280	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	84	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 & over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)0**FEE CALCULATION (continued)****3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Code	(\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105	130	Surcharge-late filing fee or oath	
127	50	Surcharge-late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner's action	
113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner's action	
115	110	Extension for reply within 1 st month	
116	400	Extension for reply within 2 nd month	
117	920	Extension for reply within 3 rd month	
118	1,440	Extension for reply within 4 th month	
128	1,960	Extension for reply within 5 th month	
119	320	Notice of Appeal	
120	320	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	280	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,280	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,280	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	460	Design issue fee	
122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	Petitions related to provisional applications (37 C.F.R. 1.17(q))	
126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Statement	
146	740	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	740	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR §1.129(b))	
179	740	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	[X]
169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
091	1280	Acceptance of unintentionally delayed claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119, 120, 121, or 365 (a) or (c)	
Other fee (specify) _____			
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* Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3) (\$)740**SUBMITTED BY**

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				Date	August 15, 2002

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :

STEPHEN ZIMMERMAN, ET AL. :

Confirmation No. 2167

Serial No. 09/851,456

: Group Art Unit: 1761

Filed: May 8, 2001

: Examiner: D. E. Becker

For: SNACK CHIP HAVING IMPROVED DIP CONTAINMENT AND A GRIP REGION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AFTER OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Mail Stop RCE

Honorable Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of June 11, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.